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Variety Club's special delivery for school

Cancer survivor's charity challenge

£10k lottery funding for community arts project

THE Divine Days Community Arts CIC (Community Interest Company) has been successful in securing £10,000 Big Lottery Funding towards their Active Communities project.

The scheme at the Skelmersdale-based organisation, will run weekly and will be tailored to adults with additional needs, those with long-term health conditions and older people.

It will use the arts to encourage people to become more physically active and emotionally resilient by taking part in meaningful creative and physical activity sessions. The sessions will take place in different community venues across the town and the surrounding areas.

Managing director, Katie Whitehead, said: "We use the arts and their associated therapeutic benefits to provide ongoing support to individuals and groups to take part in meaningful creative activities.

"At the same time we promote the connectivity of individuals at risk of isolation and exclusion.

"We are thrilled to have been successful in acquiring funding from The Big Lottery and to further develop our work.

"We are still on a high from competing at the Nelson Dance Festival where we came second in the Contemporary Group of this mainstream competition and were the only disabled dance troupe competing.

"We are also excited to be running this year's Ormskirk Dance Festival for the fourth year running, in partnership with West Lancs Council."

TOP OF THE LEAGUE!

Lathom High team named joint winners of national enterprise challenge

Report by **Henry James**

A TEAM of students from Lathom High School in Skelmersdale have been named as joint winners of the Premier League Enterprise Challenge.

The Year 9 pupils - Bartosz Frankowski, Dan Stephens, Saul Smith, Molly Neild and Sophie Heron - beat 900 rivals to take the title.

They were announced winners on Monday (April 23) after giving a presentation in London, which was attended by VIPs, including Theo Paphitis from TV's *Dragons' Den*.

The Lathom youngsters had originally been chosen by Wigan Athletic Football Club to represent them in this year"s Premier League Enterprise Challenge.

The challenge was set by the Premier League executive chairman, Richard Scudamore and they were asked to come up with ways they could help the Latics diversify their club's fan base.

And after winning the regional finals at Liverpool's Anfield stadium they went forward to the national contest.

One of the students, Dan Stephens, has a brain injury and is visually impaired, so they based their ideas on him and they came up with ways to attract people with visual impairments to attend matches. Their other ideas were to attract more people with hearing problems to matches, and also more young people.

One of the ideas to attract people with visual impairments was to have iPads available for them, so they can replay parts of the game they had missed.

PE teacher, Hannah Forster, who worked with the team from the beginning of the project along with Wigan Athletic Community Trust staff, said: "The judges liked the way that they used ideas which were personal to Dan. They also loved the presentation style of all the students and thought it was a realistic business plan.

The winning Lathom team with headteacher Jane Galbraith and PE teacher Hannah Forster

"The team members didn't really know each other that well before the project but have formed good friendships along the way. They also developed their love for business and their confidence and self-esteem and they worked extremely hard on the project.

"Theo Paphitis said the Lathom students were awesome and if they had been on *Dragons' Den*, he would have invested in them.

"The school has never won a national competition before, so this is really big for us."

The Lathom team shared first prize with Broadgreen International School representing Everton FC.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "Congratulations to the team at Lathom High School on this fantastic achievement, winning the Premier League Enterprise Challenge, a national award.

"I was invited to Lathom recently where the children did a practice run of their final presentation and it was clear from their confidence, public speaking ability, attention to detail in their business plan and ability to perform under pressure that they were well placed to succeed in the final.

"This is a huge milestone for the school and a strong representation of the array of talents and ability of Lathom High students and children from across Skelmersdale."

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A previous flooding incident at Richmond Avenue, Burscough.

Residents group accuse councils of excluding them from meetings about flooding issues

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE secretary of a local residents' campaign group claims that both Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Borough Council are refusing to co-operate with them to resolve flooding issues.

Gavin Rattray of the Burscough Flooding Group believes they are refusing to meet or correspond with the group because of what he described as its "aggressive but fair" campaign about the "failure" of the flooding agencies.

Both authorities have refuted the claim.

Mr Rattray told the Champion: "Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Council are attempting to label Burscough Flooding Group as 'politicised' and neither will meet with us or correspond with us.

"The county council, and we believe the borough council, are also attempting to deny us access to future meetings which all the other flooding groups can attend."

Mr Rattray said that a dispute had arisen with the county council following the 2015 Boxing Day floods because it had refused to include the group's reports of the floods in its official record of the events.

He added: "In the process of gathering evidence our flooding group found that virtually all of the recent major developments in Burscough had flooding problems leading us to believe that there was a planning issue which brought us into conflict with West Lancs Council."

And while welcoming a recently announced new surface water management plan, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) as a way forward to resolve flooding in Burscough, he said it was no good if the details were not open to scrutiny due to meetings being held in secret.

"If West Lancs Council and Lancashire County Council would confirm that Burscough Flooding Group won't ever be excluded from meetings of flood groups and the flooding management agencies then that would be very helpful.

"Alternatively, if they have rules on how our constitution should be formed in order for us to attend, then can they be made public so that the public can be reassured that the same rules apply equally to all resident groups and not just to those who have publicly criticised them."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council stated: "As lead Local Flood Authority we are working with communities across the county, including Burscough, to gather information about flooding incidents, investigate their causes and look at options to mitigate flooding in future.

"We have recently applied for, and received, funding from Defra for a study to get a full picture of how drainage systems in Burscough interact, and consider options to mitigate flooding.

"We are happy to work with flood action groups that have been established to represent communities in line with national guidance, with appropriate governance arrangements in place.

"This is working successfully in other parts of the county with progress being made in the investigation of flooding events and the development of appropriate mitigation measures in partnership with flood actions groups, district councils, the Environment Agency and United Utilities."

And a spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council is unaware of any communication to Mr Rattray from the authority suggesting that the Burscough Flooding Group is politicised or seeking to exclude him or the group from any public meetings relating to drainage matters.

"Furthermore the council is unaware of any recent communication with Mr Rattray or the Burscough Flooding Group nor any request for a meeting."

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Town's foodbank users on the rise

HELPERS at Skelmersdale and District Foodbank have given out 241 more three-day emergency food supplies to people in the town - including children - in the last year compared to the previous 12-month period.

Between April, 2017 and March, 2018, a total of 1,859 three days emergency food supplies were provided (754 to children). The figure for the previous year was 1,618.

The foodbank, based at the Ecumneical Centre on Northway, is a member of the Trussell Trust network which has reported a UK-wide increase in foodbank use.

And officials at the Skelmersdale operation share the concerns of other foodbanks in the network that the increase is connected to the roll-out of the controversial Universal Credit benefits system.

Those concerns are highlighted by the Trussell Trust in a new report about the difficulties people are experiencing.

It says foodbanks are providing emergency food and support to people needing help due to the adverse impact of the initial wait, the lack of available statutory support, the inability of Universal Credit payments to cover the cost of living, and poor administration.

The manager of the Skelmersdale foodbank, Brenda Lowe, said: "We don't want to be here forever. No one in West Lancashire should need a foodbank's help and we want to see an end to local people needing emergency food at all.But until that time, we'll continue to provide vital support when it matters most.

"We're dedicated to ensuring that people in our community with no money for food are able to access emergency support. That has only been possible in the last year because of the incredible generosity shown by local people in donating food, time and funds. Thank you."

Running costs for the foodbank are around £8,500 a year, all of which is raised locally to enable them to continue their work.

Outgoings include rental of warehouse space to sort and stock donated food, and other overheads like utilities and insurance.

Meanwhile the foodbank would welcome any new offers of help with funding. Local businesses, organisations or individuals interested in supporting the foodbank can find out more at www.skelmersdale.foodbank.org.uk.

Cancer survivor Matt tackles 370-mile bike ride in aid of charity

Report by **Henry James**

A MAN from Skelmersdale who was "close to death" five years ago after being diagnosed with leukaemia is preparing to tackle a gruelling 370-mile sponsored bike ride in aid of charity.

Matt Newman feared the worst when doctors told him he had acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in early 2013.

He was put on a course of intensive chemotherapy for 12 months at Aintree hospital.

Then after another two years of chemotherapy things started to improve and for the last two years the now 45-year-old has been in remission.

Now Matt, a member of the Bannatyne health club in Northway, is set to cycle from the company's Aberdeen club to Skelmersdale - a distance of 370 miles - in four days, to raise money for Bloodwise (formerly Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research) the charity which funds research into all blood cancers including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, as well as to offering information and support to blood cancer patients.

Matt's brother-in-law Alan Lomax, who will accompany him on the ride, came up with the fundraising idea over a bottle of wine - and Matt didn't even have a bike at the time!

Matt and Alan preparing for their 370-mile challenge

The pair will set out on their marathon mission on Monday, May 14.

Matt said: "In 2013 I was close to death and was diagnosed with leukaemia. I had three years of chemotherapy and thankfully I am now in remission.

"Following my treatment, I wanted to give something back which is why I am doing the fundraiser in aid of Bloodwise.

"Alan suggested the cycle ride fundraiser over a bottle of wine. At that time I didn't have a bike but for the last eight months I have been in training.

"During the ride we will actually be climbing about 22,500 feet - the equivalent of three-quarters the height of Everest!"

Matt hopes to raise £10,000 and has already raised £4,500 already. His wife, Sara, has put together a Facebook page called NewMax cycling and a BT donation page has been set up as well.

Staff from Bannatyne's in Aberndeen will ride with Matt and Alan for the first couple of miles and at the start of the fundraiser there will be a blood bank where people can donate blood.

A friend of the duo, John Spence, who owns the company Megaflatables and has appeared on TV's Dragon's Den, has donated a start-finish arch which will be donated to Bloodwise after the event.

John is also paying for accommodation for Matt and Alan and their support driver, Jamie McDonald.

Matt added: "We would very much like people to get on board and donate what they can for blood cancer research to help others who are faced with this horrible disease."

Laura battles through the heat to complete first marathon and raise £1,800 in memory of friend's mum

A SKELMERSDALE woman battled through the record temperatures to complete the London Marathon on Sunday.

Laura Morgan (pictured, right)**, from Holland Park, finished her first attempt at the race in 4 hours, 46 minutes and 55 seconds.**

The 34-year-old, who is a dental nurse at Firbeck Dental Practice, raised £1,800 for Cancer Research.

Her mum, Sandra, said: "I am proud of her. She said it was difficult in the heat, but she has completed the race.

"Laura only started running last year and has been training for the marathon for about 10 months.

"She did the Wigan 10k and family mile last August and took part in the event with her children, Archie and Amelia."

Laura decided to raise money for Cancer Research as a friend's mum, Julie, died of cancer a couple of years ago.

Julie's two sons ran the marathon and they inspired Laura to enter this year.

Her father-in-law, Keith Bergman helped her to train.

Karen Bickerstaffe and Ellie Westwood from The Variety Club present the keys for a new mini-bus to Kingsbury School headteacher Fiona Grieveson. Also pictured are governors, Julia Townley and Fiona Duggan, Kevin Davidson of SHARES and pupils.

Variety Club's special delivery for school!

STAFF and pupils at a Skelmersdale special school are celebrating are celebrating the arrival of their new minibus, courtesy of the Variety Club children's charity.

Kingsbury Primary School in School Lane caters for children with generic learning difficulties, autism, sensory needs and mobility problems.

An important aspect of the pupils' education is using the minibus for extra-curricular activities, to integrate in the local community, to reinforce their learning experience outside of the classroom and enable the children to have access to activities they may otherwise not experience.

School business manager, Ann Culshaw, said: "The school could not finance the purchase of the bus alone so thanks go to the Variety Club who accepted the school onto their Sunshine Coach scheme and financed the majority of the cost.

"Kingsbury is also very grateful for the grants awarded by the Foyle Foundation and the Baily Thomas Charitable Fund who both provided valuable financial support."

An official presentation of the minibus was held last week when the children were able to show off their new bus and thank the sponsors for a valuable asset which will enrich their educational experiences for many years to come.

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Eugenia defies age barrier to promote fitness initiative!

81-year-old says you're never too old to exercise

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FORMER dance teacher Eugenia Kervin believes age doesn't have to be a barrier to keeping fit - and she's proving her point by taking part in a county-wide initiative to get people active at the age of 81!

The pensioner from Aughton, who also used to help her late husband sail boats across Europe, felt she was getting out of shape so after reading about the West Lancashire Active Weight programme in the Champion she decided to give it a go.

Now, having completed the 12-week course at the Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre where she has become a member, she is taking part in the Lancashire County Council-led health initiative, Your Mile Your Way, encouraging people to walk, run, hop, skip, jump or swim a mile on Friday, May 18.

She said: "I was having problems with my back and a kink in my spine and my muscle power was slowly starting to go. I didn't want things to get any worse so when I saw the programme advertised I thought I would give it a go.

"What I enjoy about the scheme isn't only the healthier living, but also you find you are in a nice social group of people who give each other encouragement.

"It's also a great way to motivate people who don't normally take exercise, to get involved."

The county council aims to encourage at least 24,901 people to take part in the Your Mile Your Way day - the number of miles it would take to go around the world.

Eugenia's husband John died at the age of 76, having suffered angina from his mid-40s. But his illness never dampened his love of sailing, cycling and fell walking which the couple enjoyed together.

Eugenia shapes up with partnership & services development officer Emma Davies at a Your Mile Your Way promotional event.

At one time the pair delivered sailing boats for holiday companies, steering yachts back and forth across the Mediterranean. Eugenia said: "It was very enjoyable but very taxing at the same time. You had to be very fit to handle the boats.

"After John died though I started doing less exercise and snacking during the day and evening on all the wrong things."

Meanwhile the sprightly octogenarian has also signed up for tai chi classes and she says: "You should never make your age an excuse for not doing exercise."

To sign up for Your Mile Your Way and find out about local events visit http://www.yourmileyourway.co.uk.

Patricia's book based on dad's experiences in notorious PoW camp to raise money for children's charity

Skelmersdale-born veteran survived horrors of Changi and went on to carve out successful teaching career

Report by **Henry James**

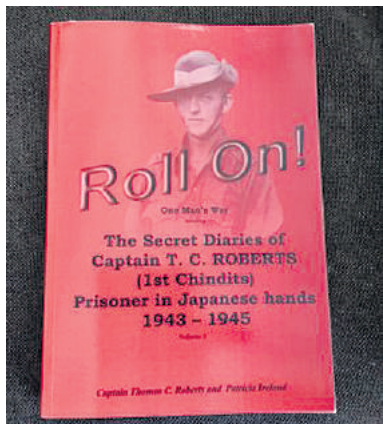
THE diaries of a Skelmersdale-born Second World War veteran who survived the horrors of a notorious Japanese prisoner of war camp and went on to enjoy a long and rewarding career as a teacher at an Ormskirk secondary school, form the basis of a two-volume book by his daughter.

Patricia Ireland decided to write the books to tell her father's incredible story and to raise money for the international charity War Child, which aims to protect, educate and stand up for the rights of children affected by war.

Captain Thomas C. Roberts was the first-born son of a Skelmersdale miner who himself went on to win the Military Medal and bar for gallantry in the First World War.

A regular and experienced soldier, Thomas volunteered to serve with Major General Orde Wingate in the Far East and led the Weapons Support Group in Column 5 of Wingate's first Chindit expedition into Burma in early 1943.

Published by Jane Marshall, a small publisher based in the south of England, volume one of Patricia's, book, *Roll On! – One Man's War*, is based on the diaries Thomas wrote as a prisoner in the notorious Changi Camp in Singapore.



The cover of Patricia's book

Volume two, containing back-up and other material pertinent to volume one, is scheduled to be released later this summer.

Despite his experiences, Patricia says her dad was lucky to survive the war and go on to carve out a second career which he found very rewarding.

She said: "He was indeed lucky to survive the war and eventually return home, although at the end of the war he was very weak and ill with beri-beri.

Research

"Having left the regular army a few years later he became a teacher for more than 35 years at Wigan Road County Secondary School for boys, in Ormskirk, where he was very highly regarded.

"Even to this day I am frequently contacted by former pupils who claim he turned their lives around for the better.

"He was also very well known in Ormskirk as someone who gave his time for charity work as well as Ormskirk parish church council and inter-school sports."

During her research for the book Patricia travelled to Singapore and Myanmar (the former Burma) as well as closer to home at the National Memorial at the Arboretum in Staffordshire.

She added; "I am currently working hard into every night proof-reading for volume two and the entirety of the royalties, in perpetuity, are going to the international charity, War Child."

Civic couple perform care home opening

THE Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubbert were invited along to perform the official opening of the Elm House Care Home in Lime Grove, Skelmersdale. The civic couple are pictured here at the opening with staff and guests.

Car fire treated as suspected arson

A CAR fire at Tontine Road, Up Holland is being treated as arson by firefighters.

On Sunday, April 22 firefighters from Skelmersdale attended the vehicle, which was on a grass verge, and used one hose reel to extinguish the fire. The fire service has said that an investigation is underway into the incident.

Some of the cannabis plants found by police

Cannabis plants with street value of £200k found at house in Old Skelmersdale

A POLICE raid at a home in Old Skelmersdale discovered about 400 cannabis plants, with a street value of £200,000, being cultivated in two separate rooms.

The operation was carried out by officers from Lancashire Police's Operation Nemesis serious crime squad team assisted by the local neighbourhood policing team.

The aim was to target people within the community who produce cannabis with the intention of selling it on the streets.

A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "The community plays a big part in our fight against drugs and all information we receive is treated in strict confidence.

"Together we can continue the fight against drug production and supply on our streets.

"Any information can be passed directly to one of our officers, through our control room on 101 or you can call anonymously through Crime Stoppers."

Motorist says 'gaping' pothole is an accident waiting to happen

A MOTORIST who stopped to help an elderly woman after a tyre on her new car burst as she drove through a pothole believes it's only a matter of time before there is a more serious accident on the road where it happened.

Valerie Rainford from Kestrel Park, Skelmersdale, was driving along Cobbs Brow towards Newburgh when she hit the pothole, bursting the tyre and leaving her front wheel at an angle.

Luckily Barry Clark from Ashurst was passing at the time and stopped to help the shaken pensioner by changing the tyre for her.

But he says the incident could have been much more serious if she had swerved to avoid the pothole.

He said: "This gaping pothole has been on Cobbs Brow Lane for some time and I have measured it as seven-and-a-half inches deep!

"It is almost impossible to avoid it because of the oncoming traffic and if Valerie had swerved to avoid the pothole, there could have been a major accident.

"The road is atrocious at the moment and this pothole is at the junction with Tabbys Nook."

Inspections

As well as the tyre and wheel, the car's suspension was damaged as well and Barry Clark estimates it will cost more than £100 in total to fix for which they plan to put in a claim to the county council.

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council, said: "We carry out our own inspections to check for potholes, as well as responding to reports from members of the public.

"We had received reports about potholes at this location on Cobbs Brow Lane and carried out some repairs last week."

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Edge Hill dancers perform at New York book launch

MEMBERS of Edge Hill University's resident dance company 3rd Edge travelled to New York to perform at the US launch of the Oxford Handbook of Dance and Wellbeing.

The event was hosted at New York University by the Drama Therapy Programme, Dr Nisha Sajnani and Professor Vicky Karkou.

Students Emese Allen, Amelia Shallish, Ruby Rose Tate, Georgina Fowler, Lauren Green, Gabrielle Orr, Maria Mortimer, Sophia Thomas and Scarlett Primrose, closed the event with a performance of So Love…, choreographed by renowned dance artist, Mathieu Geffré.

Co-editor of the handbook, Professor Vicky Karkou, chair of Dance, Art and Wellbeing at Edge Hill, said: "Our students gained not only an experience of performing in a different venue at New York University, but an international experience of performing in one of the most exciting cities in the world in terms of contemporary dance."

The trip was paid for by the Student Opportunity Fund (SOF), which enables students to take advantage of career-enhancing and life-changing opportunities..

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Rosie Cooper is supporting the Law Society campaign for legal aid to be provided for early advice in family and housing law

MP backs Law Society legal aid campaign

ROSIE Cooper is backing a Law Society campaign calling on the Government to provide legal aid for early advice in family and housing law.

Since 2012, legal aid has not been available for most areas of early legal advice.

And the West Lancs MP believes a lack of free early legal advice can cause problems to escalate unnecessarily, adding more pressure on public services, potentially increasing the burden on the courts, and increasing the cost to the public purse.

She also says a lack of legal aid for early advice is a barrier to individuals accessing justice, which has a wider impact on the rule of law and the ability of individuals to access their rights.

Speaking after a Parliamentary event on the campaign, she said: "I am regularly contacted by constituents with issues which could have been resolved sooner if only they had access to free early legal advice.

"We know the Government is currently reviewing the legal aid reforms made in 2012, and as part of that review I urge them to consider providing legal aid for early advice."

Law Society president, Joe Egan, said: "The current system is a false economy, meaning more cases are ending up in court that could have been resolved earlier, and more pressure is applied on our already stretched public services.

"We are calling on the Government to provide legal aid for early advice as part of their review of legal aid reforms."

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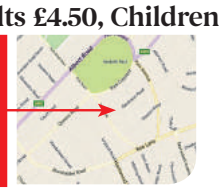

Council urged to give priority to removing offensive graffiti from children's play areas

Report by **Henry James**

A GRANDAD is calling for West Lancs Council to give priority to removing offensive graffiti from children's play areas as quickly as possible.

David Symons from Ashurst contacted the Champion after his wife returned from a visit to the skateboard facility at Fairhaven in Birch Green with the couple's five-year-old grandson.

The grandmother said she had had to try and explain what a 'picture' on one of the ramps was after the youngster had queried it.

Mr Symons said it was a drawing of a person with male genitalia for eyes and nose, breasts and a penis, urinating, with an offensive two-word term reference to breasts written alongside.

And although he understands that it is difficult to remove all graffiti immediately, he feels priority should be given to children's play areas and pointed that the Fairhaven site is monitored by CCTV.

He said: "There is a camera pointing straight at the playground on the opposite side of the road so the council has no excuse for not knowing who did it or at least not knowing that it is there.

The skateboard facility at Fairhaven

"No doubt the excuse will be 'Government cuts' but that's not acceptable. Children should be the first consideration when budgets are allocated.

Criminal offence

"The council should ensure that such drawings in areas like that are removed straightaway and even better the culprits identified and re-educated."

A spokesman for the council responded: "West Lancashire Borough Council takes complaints about obscene and abusive graffiti on its play areas and other property very seriously. The graffiti at the Fairhaven play area will be removed as soon as possible.

"If residents see any graffiti they should let the police know by calling 101 as spraying/painting graffiti is a criminal offence.

"If any graffiti is on a council play area or any other borough council property then it should also be reported to the authority on 01695 577177 or email customer.services@westlancs.gov.uk so appropriate action can be taken as quickly as possible.

"The council has 107 CCTV cameras across the borough which are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days per year and one of the council's CCTV cameras does cover the park and the adjacent area.

"It is unclear how long this graffiti has been present.

"However, if the CCTV operators witness graffiti being sprayed/painted they report it to the police."

The Year 11 football team from Our Lady Queen of Peace

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In their latest cup triumph they defeated St Bede's Catholic High School 3-0 in the final with goals from Dom Berry, Tom Johnstone and James Reilly.

Delighted manager and PE teacher, Roderick Hart, said: "I am so proud of the whole squad. They are a credit to the school and their families.

"They have shown great commitment and effort over the five years and have been a pleasure to manage."

Meanwhile the school enjoyed more success on the football field through the Year 10 team who beat Ormskirk School 1-0 with a goal by Danny Feeley to win the West Lancs Cup.

They also finished second in the West Lancs League and reached the quarter-finals of the Lancashire Cup.

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The Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire Noel Delaney and his Mayoress Ann Stubbert attended the opening and wished everyone at Elm House a successful future. "The kind of care and commitment in the minds and hearts of Elm House is long overdue,"said Councillor Delaney. "Elm House is a fantastic facility. It's vitally important that we care for our older population in such a way and it's great to see a resounding community spirit welcoming it's arrival to the area."

Pictured above: ***communal sitting area, residents room and salon facilities***

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County council launches consultation on plans to reduce funding for community transport

Public have eight weeks to comment on proposal to cut budget by £175,000 over two years

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched an eight-week public consultation on proposals to reduce the budget which supports community transport services.

The council's cabinet agreed in January to reduce the community transport budget to contribute to savings needed to meet a forecasted funding gap of £144m in 2021/22.

Community transport in Lancashire is provided for people who are not able to use mainstream public transport and includes Dial-a-Ride, group transport, and community car schemes.

The budget helps to support services run by a number of operators, as well as Dial-a-Ride services operated by the county council's Travelcare team.

Council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "We're committed to providing the best services we can, however like many other local authorities our financial position remains extremely challenging, with a forecasted funding gap of more than £144m in 2021/22.

Councillor Geoff Driver, leader of Lancashire County Council.

"This means we have to make some difficult decisions to balance the books, and, as well as making services as efficient as possible, having to find savings in almost every area of the council's work.

"Community transport provides an important service for people who can't access other public transport and we want to understand as much as we can about the possible impact of reducing our level of support before making any decisions.

Savings

"We're holding an eight-week consultation, and I'm very grateful for people taking the time to let us know how they use these services and how they may be affected."

The council is proposing to make savings of £175,000 over two years from the community transport budget.

The consultation will run until Sunday, June 10.

Members of the public are invited to respond online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay or by completing a paper copy available from community transport drivers.

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Ashurst – **Cllr Yvonne Gagen**

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Yvonne says: *"My name is Yvonne Gagen, I have lived in Skelmersdale for 47yrs, the last 20 on Ashurst. I had five fantastic years at West Bank high school, going on from there to work for West Lancashire Borough Council, working my way up to become the Sports Development Programme Manager until I was made redundant in 2010. I am passionate about Sport and Skelmersdale. I wanted to be a part of the community having worked for many years in the heart of all that makes Skelmersdale a special place for me. I decided to become a ward councillor for Ashurst in 2010.*

I have been your councillor for 8 very satisfying years, helping to improve the area by engaging with the community on rewarding projects. This means working hard with partners and organisations to deliver new built sports provision and continue to help deliver the Tawd Valley master plan. I want to set up new opportunities to allow community groups and residents to have a bigger say in what they want by putting together a community led plan. I will be standing as a ward councillor for Ashurst in the 2018 local elections; I still feel there is so much more to do. My main aims are to get a new built leisure facility, improve community engagement, and continue to volunteer with ongoing projects, the main one being the Tawd Valley master plan."

Moorside – **Cllr Terry Devine**

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Terry says: *"My name is Terry Devine and I am pleased to be selected as your Labour Candidate for the Moorside Ward in this May's West Lancashire Borough Councillor elections. Originally from Liverpool, I moved to Skelmersdale in 1973, where I attended St John's like many others in the seventies and I am a proud father of 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Having served in the Irish Guards, I'm proud to be the Armed Forces Representative for West Lancashire. This involves offering welfare advice and support to veterans and more importantly organising the Remembrance Day Parades across the Borough in conjunction with the police and West Lancashire Borough Council. Over the last 4 years I have worked, along with my other labour colleagues in Moorside on many issues including - Traffic issues (potholes and speeding) Anti-social behaviour incidents and housing issues. In my various roles I am supporting people in breaking down barriers wherever possible, where all residents have a better chance of leading fulfilling and contented lives and who take pride in where they live."*

Skelmersdale South – **Vickie Cummins**

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Local activist and community campaigner Vickie Cummins has been chosen by local residents to be the Labour Party candidate for Skelmersdale South on Thursday 3rd May. Vickie fought off some strong challenges for the nomination to become Labour's candidate, having convinced residents of her desire and commitment to continue working for residents of Skelmersdale where she was born and continues to live and work. Vickie currently works in a couple of different jobs based at both Park Neighbourhood Centre on Barnes Road and the Youth Zone by Nye Bevan as a community and youth worker. She has seen first-hand the impact of continuing government cuts on council services on residents of Skelmersdale.

Tanhouse – **Cllr Bob Pendleton**

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Bob says: *"I have the privilege to have been selected by Tanhouse Labour Party members to stand in Tanhouse in the Borough Election in May 2018.I am married to Mary, we have 4 sons 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. I have lived in Skelmersdale since the Seventies. In 2013 I was elected the Chairman and set up Tanhouse Community Enterprise (TCE) to take over the running and management of the Community Centre as Not For Profit organisation (if you want to be involved please call in any time, we are always looking for volunteers and helpers). The Enterprise, working with partners, are refurbishing the block of flats next to the Community Centre, bringing them back in to residential use. The Birchwood Centre in partnership with TCE delivers the Junk Food Cafe every Wednesday from 12-2pm in the Centre. The organisation is a 'Not for Profit' and helps to divert food that would otherwise go to landfill; all that's asked is that you pay what you can afford."*

Upholland – **Cllr Ian Moran**

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Ian says: *"My name is Ian Moran and I would be proud to be re-elected as your local Labour councillor for Upholland, Crawford and Tontine, I have always lived in Skelmersdale apart from 6 years when I served in the Army. Since 1990, I have been working as a postman in Skelmersdale and Upholland. I'm married to Diane, and have 2 children Chloe 8 and Michael 21. Over the last 8 years I have worked, along with my other labour colleagues in Upholland on many issues including:-* • *Traffic issues (potholes and speeding)*

- *Anti-social behaviour incidents*
- *Planning issues*
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We are currently working on projects at Chequer Lane playing fields and Abbey Lakes, and have assisted in others, Chequer Lane fish pond, traffic calming on School Lane/Parliament street and Crawford play park to name three. We work closely with the local Parish Council supporting their bid to take over Upholland library which the Tory controlled county council have shockingly handed over to a private company. I hope you will vote for me and allow me to continue to serve."

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New provider to take over out-of-hours GP services in borough

Handover scheduled for May 1 but no change to availability or hours of operation

Report by **Henry James**

OUT-of-hours GP services in West Lancashire will be provided by Vocare Limited from Tuesday, May 1 - providing access to GP appointments from 6.30pm until 8am weekdays and 24/7 at weekends.

Services will continue to operate in the same way as at present and there will be no change to availability or hours of operation.

Vocare Limited is a sudsidiary of Totally plc, the provider of a range of out-of-hospital services to the healthcare sector in the UK.

The contract has been agreed for a four-year period with the option to extend by a further two years.

GP out-of-hours services in the borough were previously provided by OWLS CIC but the organisation's contract expires at the end of this month.

Virgin Care was commissioned by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group from May 2017 to oversee urgent care services in the area, which includes walk-in centres, the out-of-hours GP service and community services. Virgin sub-contracted Vocare Limited to deliver the service from Tuesday, May 1.

Virgin Care has sub-contracted the service to Vocare Limited

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However, operators say the service remains part of the NHS and will be held to the same high standards as any other NHS service.

It will also be inspected and regulated in much the same way, while also remaining free-at-the-point-of-need like any other NHS service, they say.

Michelle Lee, managing director for Virgin Care in West Lancashire, said: "Vocare is an experienced provider of integrated urgent care services to the NHS throughout the UK and we are pleased to be working with them to deliver GP out-of-hours services in West Lancashire.

"I would like to thank the current provider OWLS CIC for the contribution they have made to the out-of-hours service during their time as provider. We will continue to deliver a high-quality service with no changes to opening times or availability for local people."

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Dance school on the move

Switch to new studio a step in the right direction

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs dancing school reckon their latest move is certainly a step in the right direction.

The Base Dance Performing Arts Academy has moved from the Malthouse Business Centre in Ormskirk, where it has operated from since 2013, to a new building with improved facilities on the Platts Lane Industrial Estate in Burscough.

And it's almost a case of back to base for Base which was founded in Burscough in 2008!

After months of work, including the installation of specialised flooring, the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, performed the official opening ceremony at the new studio.

To mark the opening day, the academy, which also trains dance teachers, provided free dance workshops, while existing students showcased their current class work.

Base Dance principal, Claire Lloyd, a qualified dance specialist/lecturer, said: "The interest at the opening event was fantastic. Lots of new families came to view our new facilities and watched and joined in the classes taught by our wonderful staff, as well as enrolling into our free trial classes.

"Safe dance practice is a priority so our new facilities provide sprung and specialised dance floors, spacious rooms, including equipment, along with highly-trained and skilled teachers in their field.

"I am so happy with our new academy and so it seems is everyone else - the compliments about how amazing it is just keep coming!

"I would like to thank the mayor and mayoress for their support and advice to help our future plans. And thanks also to all who came along to showcase and entertain."

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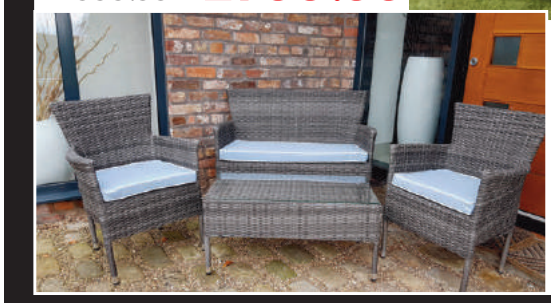

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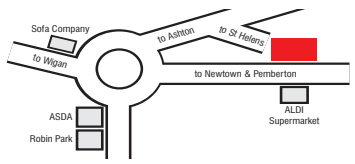

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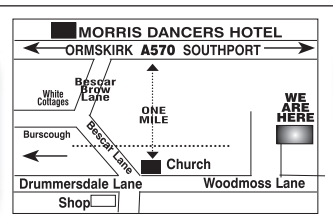

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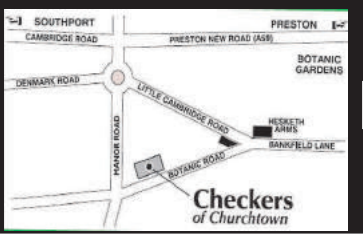

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Ormskirk and Maghull Lions Club president, Dave Corfield presents Charlotte and friends from Spartac Gymnastic Club with a £750 cheque towards their trip to the World Gymnaestrada in Austria next year.

Lions' helping hand for gymnastics club's world festival fundraising bid

MEMBERS of the Spartac Gymnastics Club have received a boost for their fundraising efforts to attend the World Gymnaestrada in Austria next year after being presented with a cheque for £750 by the Ormskirk and Maghull Lions.

Based at Edge Hill University, the club caters for all ages and levels of ability and has a long history of inclusive gymnastics displays.

It has represented Great Britain since 2003 and also performed on the West End stage to celebrate the Royal Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Surely public have a right to know how our council tax money is spent?

RE: Councillor Noel Delaney's reply (Letters, April 11) to my earlier letter.

Noel, I do not want to accompany you for a week and suggest you may have misunderstood my letter.

I suggested the council/councillors implement a system of reporting councillors' activities every three months in order to justify their activities.

We council tax payers need to see how our taxes are spent at councillor activity level. Surely this is a reasonable request?

Councillors get paid a weekly allowance of £70 (£3,640 per year) plus expenses of approximately £20 weekly (£1,040 per year). Our 47 councillors receive a total of nearly £200,000 each year for carrying out their duties.

My point is what do they do and can we be informed on a regular basis?

There is also the Mayor, and Deputy Mayor who must cost, at least another £20,000.

Current information about council activities comes to us courtesy of the Champion newspaper and consists of numerous 'ground-breaking' panaceas of activities which disappear without trace.

This also applies to MP Rosie Cooper's activities and the NHS.

We, the council tax-paying public need to know.

Graham P. Walker,
Up Holland

Easier getting info from the Kremlin!

I WISH Maurice George well in getting answers from Councillor Moran about the new building company the council want to set up (Letters, April 11).

I have tried for four months to get information on the £3m they are spending on houses for sale at Westec House and feel it would have been easier to get into the KGB files in the Kremlin!

From the limited information the council are willing to share with us taxpayers, it seems that they are quite simply winging it.

Craig Sneddon,
by email

Why can't cable companies and local authorities collaborate to tackle the pothole menace?

WE have just had ducting and wiring operations carried out to enable access to Virgin Media's services in our area and they did a clean and reasonably quick job.

However, whilst walking down Wimbrick Crescent at its junction with Prescot Road I noticed the post-Virgin work on the footpaths and the horrendous state of the road with its potholes in dire need of some sort of intervention.

One thought struck me. There are common elements to Virgin's work and pothole repair work - tarmacadam and a compressor to hard pack it.

Am I over-simplifying a solution or could Virgin and the council not collaborate, under the supervision of the council, and carry out road repairs whilst the raw materials are in situ and Virgin invoice the council for labour and raw materials?

These potholes are not going away you know.

Frustrated, Aughton

Are we living in wrong area?

MY husband and I recently had a telephone message from a lady called Pam who said she was from Home Care Link.

She knew our names and left a phone number.

I called the number not knowing who they were and the gentleman who answered said there was no-one there called Pam. However, he explained that they provide a personal alarm service.

I asked for a leaflet with more information which he said he would send. He said there would be no price on it but it would cost £1.11 per week.

He then asked for my address and said: "Oh, you don't live in Knowsley then?" and said that in that case it would be £3 a week with a £30 installation charge in West Lancs.

Yet again we lose out. Are we living in the wrong area, I ask myself.

M. R., by email

PICTURE of the week

Don't rain on my parade! The flag of St George made a handy shelter from a brief April shower during Sunday's St George's Day parade through Ormskirk. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Bins confusion beggars belief

CONFUSION is the name of the game when it comes to the bin collections.

Not only at the end of the £30 enrolment saga where it says card charges may apply, but the overall management of the soon-to-be launched brown bin beggars belief.

One would think that a brown bin resembles the colour of cardboard and the existing green bin resembles grass cuttings/garden waste. But no, let's swap it around, green garden waste in brown bin and brown cardboard waste into green bin.

Then the confusion is compounded by charges for brown bins if you don't enrol for the green bin £30 by a date in June. So when they send the 'I've paid for green collection sticker' I wonder how many people will stick it on the wrong green bin instead of the new brown one?

To top it all, no one has been consulted on the subject of yet another wheelie bin outside of your house and is it really green (or brown) when you consider the amount of plastic used and the carbon footprint to manufacture them.?

Do people within the council actually command a wage for this debacle. Let's wait to see how it all unfolds. Comical!

Paul Mullany, Skelmersdale

● RE: the letter from Arthur Welch (Champion, April 11), all residents do not have a green garden waste bin.

I had to pay £30 last year for the privilege or the bin would not be emptied. I have a special sticker on my green bin for pick-up.

I now have to pay for a new brown bin which is another £30 for this year.

Lynn Muirhead, by email

Editor's Note: Correspondence on this topic is now closed

Dog walker's dirty deed left me speechless

DRIVING along Swanpool Lane on a Wednesday, grey bin collection day, I was pleased to see a dog walker clean up after his dog.

I was not so pleased when he dropped the package into the first grey bin he passed.

If I had been walking I might have had the courage to challenge him, but who knows what response I would get from such an unprincipled member of the public.

Eileen Hill, Aughton

Article didn't mention water company's lack of drainage capacity

RE: The article headed 'Water company says most of flooding issues in Burscough are down to residents' disposal of inappropriate waste' (Champion, April 11).

Despite being supplied with information and proof by Burscough Flooding Group, the article didn't mention that United Utilities chief executive Steven Mogford had said the foul sewer flooding problems that residents in Gower Gardens (adjacent to the area pictured in the article) were suffering from, was due to the company having insufficient drainage capacity and that the problem wouldn't even be considered for expenditure until the 2020-2025 period.

Yet within weeks of Ofwat beginning an investigation into whether United Utilities were deliberately under-recording sewer flooding, Lancashire County Council and United Utilities jointly dug up large parts of the area around Gower Gardens and re-routed the network to increase the capacity in that area.

Gavin Rattray, Burscough Flooding Group

High time to give St Modwen their marching orders

IT is now more than 10 years since St Modwen signed a contract with West Lancashire Borough Council to begin construction of a new town centre in Skelmersdale.

The company recently published its performance of North West projects and yet failed to mention its commitment to Skelmersdale in the report.

There they are, St Modwen, praising themselves to the heavens on how well they are doing at the various nearby sites in Merseyside and the North West and yet failed to mention their contract to develop Skelmersdale's new town centre.

If St Modwen cannot deliver after more than 10 years, then it's high time they were given their marching orders.

Bill Clarke, by email

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I believe some bus safety 'rules' were made to be broken

AT he risk of boring some regular 'Dog' readers and possibly offending others, I'm returning to bus travel again this week.

Please don't misunderstand me, I am certainly not against measures designed to keep us passengers safe, but I am convinced that some rules, though good in themselves, were designed to be broken by a majority of the people they apply to.

Foremost of those is the admonition inside the vehicle that passengers wishing to alight should press the 'stop' button and remain seated until the bus has stopped completely. It sounds like common sense, and in a perfect world it certainly would be. Problem is, we do not live in this utopian dream.

Think back, if you're old enough, to the days when if you wanted the bus to stop, the first thing you had to do was stand up so that the conductor (the person who came round to collect fares and issue tickets) could press the bell, signalling the driver to halt at the next bus stop.

There was no choice in the matter, whether you were seven or 77. Even if you were brave enough to risk the wrath of the conductor, to press the bell yourself required you to stand and probably move several feet down the bus to a bell-push.

Now of course there is no conductor, so it's a matter of do it yourself. And even now, not every passenger can sit adjacent to a bell push so movement may be required anyway.

Yes, for many elderly, or folk with restricted movement for whatever reason, the idea of remaining seated while the bus is in motion is a good idea that normally works well. The problem arises though when able-bodied people who have already left their seats and gone to the front ready to get off, are followed by others at the rear who had remained seated.

Folk waiting to get on should - and most do - wait for people to get off and clear the entrance for them to get on. But in the circumstance I mentioned, those at the stop can easily assume that everyone wishing to get off has done so, and chaos and ill-temper often ensues. At the same time, the bus is standing at the stop, becoming later and later to the frustration of those already aboard.

I reckon the two main causes of this are either that people none to quick on their pins have decided or had to sit towards the rear; or, far worse, that youngsters (who traditionally haunt the rear seats) delay their departure by continuing to chat to friends until the very last moment.

The simple fact is that should everybody stay seated until the bus is safely stopped, timetables would have to be adjusted to allow for the lengthy dwell times which would occur at every stop.

I'd bet a pound to a penny that those who compile timetables assume that most passengers will have made a move before the stop is reached, and in the early days of universal one-person operated buses they were certainly correct. Now though increasingly people either obey the 'stay seated' rule or apparently use it as an excuse to continue with conversations before they reluctantly get to their feet.

Common sense seems to be a thing increasingly of the past - just like bus conductors. If it really is considered dangerous not to be seated when the bus is on the move, why then are any standing passengers ever allowed?

I am not criticising the less mobile of our community for staying put - I have been a 'Twirly' for a good few years myself and am certainly no spring lamb these days. All I am suggesting is that just as good manners allow us usually to queue in an orderly fashion and be prepared to vacate those front seats if they are needed by someone of reduced mobility, those of us who still can should get ourselves off the bus in as good and quick order as is safe to do.

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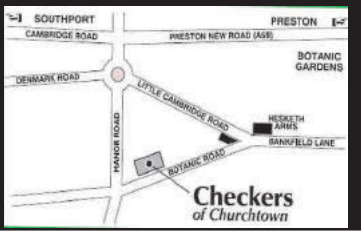

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Driver chased by police went through red light at rail crossing

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The railway crossing at Wyke Lane

AN 18-year-old man has appeared in court for driving through a red light and barriers at a railway crossing in West Lancashire while being chased by police

James McGrath, of Malee Crescent, Southport, appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on April 18 where he pleaded guilty to dangerous driving.

Melanie Tomlinson, prosecuting, said that officers in a marked police car tried to stop McGrath who was driving a black Renault Clio on Cambridge Avenue, Southport at 11.10pm on September 19 of last year, as the car was not registered as being insured or having an MOT.

McGrath failed to stop, Ms Tomlinson said, and continued to drive at speeds of 50mph and 60mph in a 20mph residential area.

The police pursuit continued through Southport towards Moss Lane and Wyke Lane in Scarisbrick, she said, adding: "As the vehicles travelled along that route they approached a railway crossing. The light at the crossing showed amber, warning approaching motorists that a train arrival was imminent.

"As both vehicles got closer, the light then changed to red. At that point McGrath made no attempt to slow down or stop. Basically he went through the railway crossing, placing the train and the passengers as well as the driver at risk."

Miss Tomlinson said that after going through the crossing McGrath was not located that night. He was the registered keeper of the car, however, and when police wrote to him, he confirmed that he had been driving the car that night.

The prosecutor continued: "The Crown would say that this is not suitable for the magistrates court on the basis of it being a police chase travelling at speed through areas governed by 20mph speed limits in a residential area. And then obviously the vehicle went through a rail traffic post where everyone was put at risk."

Solicitor Grahame Halliwell said that McGrath could have made it difficult for police by not admitting that he had been the driver. He said that McGrath has Asperger's syndrome and had no previous convictions.

The magistrates sent the matter to Liverpool Crown Court for sentencing.

Asking for a pre-sentence report, they said: "The potential of a death was quite severe, not only for yourself but potentially anybody on the train, so we are not going to accept jurisdiction."

Vole spotters wanted for wildlife charity survey

A NATIONAL charity is appealing for volunteers to help to survey the number of water voles in West Lancashire.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling on wildlife enthusiasts to help monitor signs of the UK's disappearing water voles as part of its annual National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, which runs until June 15.

Water voles were once a common sight along UK riverbanks and waterways. However, over the last century they have experienced the most severe decline of any wild mammal in the UK in the face of threats from invasive American mink, habitat loss, agricultural intensification and pollution.

Emily Thomas from the charity said: "We use the data gathered to monitor population trends year on year, which in turn help guide our conservation efforts and inform us where action is needed most."

Volunteers are asked to survey one of nearly 900 pre-selected sites across the UK, recording all sightings and signs of water voles along a 500m length of riverbank once during the course of the two-month period.

Though no prior experience is required, volunteers will need to learn how to identify water vole field signs.

A survey pack, including clear instructions on how to do your survey and a field signs ID guide, will be provided.

To find out more, or to take part, visit ptes.org/watervoles

Details announced for village fair

HILLDALE Community Association has announced details of its forthcoming village fair.

The event will take place at the Hilldale Village Hall and field, Chorley Road, on Saturday, May 12, starting at 1pm, following the crowning of the Rose Queen, and running until around 4pm.

Among the attractions lined up this year are a fun dog show and demonstration; a cake competition; a performance by the Red Rose Marching Band; bouncy castle and morris dancers.

There will also be a barbecue, cream teas, tombola, raffle and a variety of stalls.

The cost of hiring a stall is £10 with all proceeds going towards a village benefit fund. To book a stall call 01257 462627 or email hello@hilldale-ca.org.

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College students to present Dance Show

STUDENTS in the West Lancashire College's performing arts department will present their yearly *Dance Show* at The Hope Theatre, College Way, Skelmersdale, on Friday, May 4 from 7pm.

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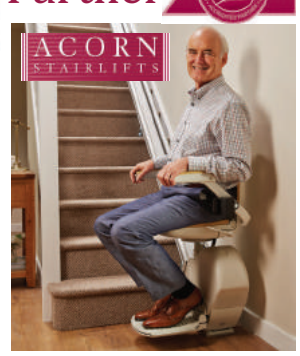

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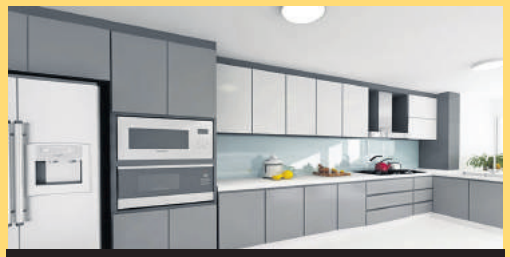

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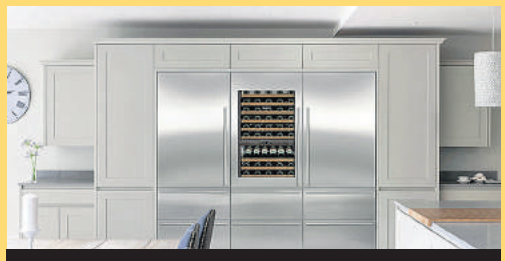

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Rural communities urged to have their say in crime survey

Report by **Henry James**

THE 2018 National Rural Crime Survey was launched last week and Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, is urging those who live and work in the county's rural communities to have their say.

The survey aims to find out the public's perceptions of rural policing, as well as their views on crime and anti-social behaviour. It will also focus on the impact of crime to households and businesses in rural communities.

With previous surveys suggesting that rural crime is under-reported, this year's will look at understanding why this has been the case and how to increase the reporting of crimes in rural areas.

In Lancashire residents will also be asked about ways they would like to see the police interact with them and help keep their communities safe.

Mr Grunshaw, said: "This survey is all about ensuring members of our rural communities get their voices heard. I want to know more about the sorts of crime people are experiencing, whether they are reporting it to the police as well as how they want to engage.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw is urging rural communities to take part in the national crime survey

"Since 2010, Lancashire Constabulary have had to make savings of almost £84m a year which has resulted in the loss of around 800 officers.

"This has meant a lot of changes to the way we deliver the service but we still need to get a clear picture of the experiences of crime and policing in our rural communities to allocate resources according to the demands across the whole county.

"Previous surveys have suggested that crime in rural areas is under-reported and I want to understand if this is the case in Lancashire and if so, why.

"Protecting rural communities is as much a priority for me as is policing our more urban towns and cities and I hope residents will take the time to complete this survey to further add to the police's understanding of the personal, social and economic cost of rural crime."

The survey is run through the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) which is made up of 28 Police and Crime Commissioners, including Lancashire, as well as police forces across the country and other organisations with links to rural issues.

NRCN chair, Julia Mulligan, added: "The aim of the National Rural Crime Network is to see greater recognition and understanding of the problems and impact of crime in rural communities so more can be done to help them be safe – and feel safe. In order to achieve that, we need to know the true picture of crime and anti-social behaviour that residents and businesses face."

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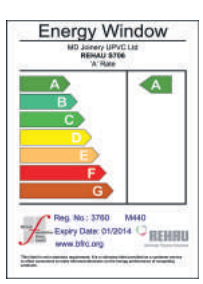

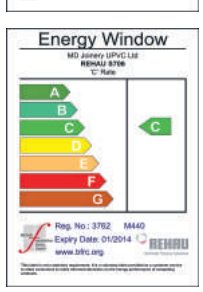

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Majority of primary starters will go to preferred schools

FIGURES released by the county council reveal more than 98% of primary school starters in Lancashire will go to one of their preferred schools in September.

Details for primary school admissions show that 90.6% will get their first preference and 7.48% will go to schools which were their second or third preference.

And the number of children receiving preferred places is likely to rise, as places are allocated from the lists of those children who are waiting for a place, as appeals are heard and adjustments are made.

County Councillor Susie Charles *(right)*, Lancashire's cabinet member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "This is an exciting but anxious time of year for parents as they find out where their child will be starting school.

"98% of pupils have been allocated a place at one of the schools they preferred, with the majority getting a place at the school they wanted the most. Importantly, once again, we've been able to offer every child in Lancashire a school place.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively using the criteria which have been agreed for that school. "However, I know it can be very disappointing for parents if their child is one of the few who don't get one of their preferences, and our local admissions teams will be happy to give information and advice."

This year 95% of applications were completed online and a total of 13,603 children have received primary school place offers.

Parents will receive details about who to contact for advice and information on school admissions and appeals in their offer letter or email.

For more information, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Parents can also call on 0300 123 6707.

Budding performers put on a show for nursing home residents - then 85-year-old Maisie turns the tables!

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs nursing home were treated to an afternoon of music and drama by talented youngsters from a local secondary school - followed by an impromptu performance by a fellow resident!

Performing arts students from Deyes High School in Maghull went along to Springfield Court in Aughton where they sang individually and as a choir, as well as acting out scenes from the play, *Blood Brothers*.

Then the tables were turned though when resident, 85-year-old Maisie Hambley, a former professional singer, offered to perform for the students and was warmly received.

The students had been invited to the home after activities co-ordinator Liz Wynn attended the school's Christmas pensioners' party.

And their performances went down a treat with residents and staff.

Liz said: "They were top class and really engaged with our residents. They even learned a couple of songs that the residents knew so that they could join in. Then one of our residents, Maisie Hambley, who used to perform with Ken Dodd's roadshow, said she would like to sing for the children.

"She did - and she was absolutely brilliant."

The Deyes High School pupils performing at Springfield Court.

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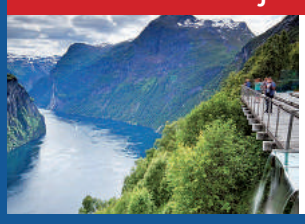

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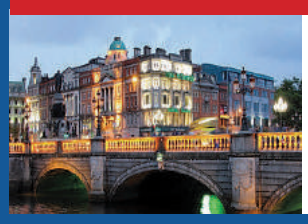

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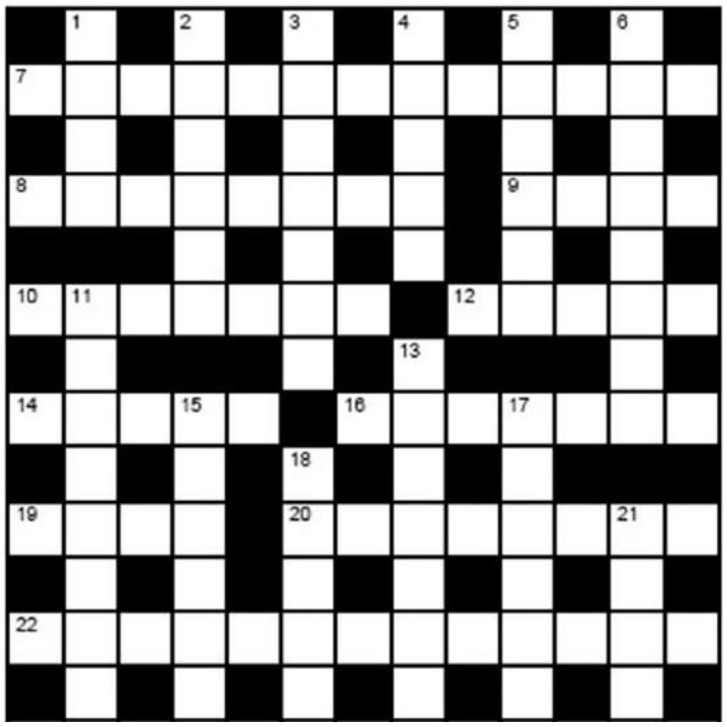

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Museum. 8. Heated. 9. Stay. 10. Indebted. 11. Ominous. 13. Liger. 15. Plaza. 17. Elegant. 20. Umbrella. 21. Lees. 22. Victim. 23. Airily.
Down: 1. Custom. 2. Very. 3. Impious. 4. Shady. 5. Gambling. 6. Serene. 12. Nazareth. 14. Almanac. 16. Limpid. 18. Needle. 19. Clump. 21. Lore.

ACROSS

7. Machines into which drivers put money to allow them to leave their vehicle in an allotted space (7, 6)
8. Garments (8)
9. Small whirlpool (4)
10. Make or become rough (7)
12. Traffic light colour (5)
14. Edge or border (5)
16. The mass of a substance per unit volume (7)
19. A word said to frighten away a person or animal (4)
20. Sudden release of strong emotion (8)
22. Phrase conventionally used as the opening of a (fairy) story (4, 4, 1, 4)

DOWN

1. Send by post (4)
2. John Curry or Robin Cousins for instance (6)
3. Archaic term for someone who has different religious beliefs or none (7)
4. Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
5. Small river or brook (6)
6. An inclined part of a road or railway; a slope (8)
11. Extend outwards above (8)
13. Area of London known for its theatres (4, 3)
15. Crawl, act obsequiously (6)
17. Informal term for a quick look or inspection (6)
18. A main subdivision of an army in the field, consisting of two or more divisions (5)
21. Identical (4)

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Hannah Hughes before and after she lost 8st 12lbs

Hannah's happy to be half the woman she was!

HANNAH Hughes is half the woman she used to be - and she couldn't be happier.

The 35-year-old from Ormskirk has been named 'Greatest Loser 2018' by her Slimming World group after shedding an incredible 8st 12lb and going from a dress size 20 to a size 10 - and says she feels fabulous.

Hannah decided to join her local Slimming World group after seeing it advertised on social media.

And after overcoming her initial nerves, the mum-of-one says she has made many new friends who have helped her on her weight loss journey.

Hannah followed the club's Food Optimising eating plan and swapped takeaways for Sunday roasts or spaghetti bolognaise. She says: "People think slimming means going hungry, eating nothing but salad or obsessively counting every calorie you eat but it's not like that.

"I love food and never once felt like I was on a diet – in fact, people are always surprised at how much is on my plate and can't believe I'm losing weight eating so much delicious food."

Hannah is also more active since her weight loss and regularly goes for walks or swimming.

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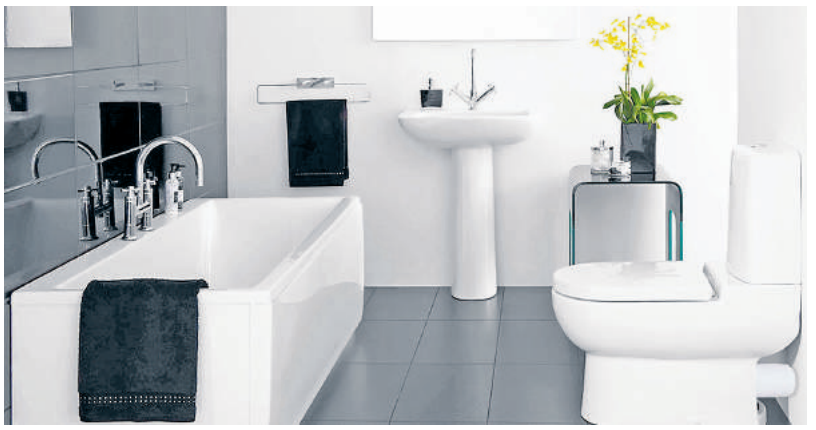

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Students raise funds for Forces' charity

A MILITARY-themed fancy dress night at the Alpine club in Ormskirk raised £300 for the Help For Heroes charity.

Mike Durgan, organiser of the event at the club in Railway Road, said: "The night was a huge success, the students came out in force and as well as raising £300 for the charity, hopefully it will also have helped to raise awareness."

Help for Heroes supports British servicemen and women wounded or injured in the line of duty and their families.

Regional co-ordinator for the charity, Alex Hartland-Bridges, said: "We thank the club and their patrons for their wonderful support .The funds raised will be most gratefully received."

Some of the guests at the fancy dress fundraiser

New date for Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Trust display

THE next military-themed event at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick has been re-scheduled for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

Originally planned for April 7 and 8, the event had to be postponed after persistent wet weather rendered the field unusable that weekend.

Military enthusiasts have been meeting at the venue for 50 years and the group is now formally recognised as the Mid-Lancs Area of the national Military Vehicle Trust.

The group hosts meetings every six months featuring displays of military vehicles, weapons and equipment.

Heatons Bridge Inn, which is run by Steve and Jacqui Winrow, has retained a Second World War free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions.

As at previous events, it is planned to set up a small Home Guard display inside the pillbox to give visitors a 'feel' of what it might have been like for a soldier to have been holed up there.

Anyone with a military or military-related vehicle or camp display is welcome to join the group and camp over for the weekend.

The event is also family-friendly and members of the public are invited to visit the displays and chat with the participants. There are no entry fees.

The exhibition runs all day on the Saturday and through to Sunday lunchtime with the group setting up the site on the Friday. Organisers advise that visitors bring wellies due to the possibility that there may still be muddy conditions.

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Recruits wanted for next Prince's Trust course

OFFICIALS of the Prince Trust are looking to recruit entrants from across Ormskirk and Skelmersdale for their latest development course beginning on Tuesday, May 8.

The 12-week course is designed to help 16 to 25-year-olds to gain the skills they need to help them to get into employment, further education or training.

During the course the young people will undertake a team-building residential trip and a community project in the local area.

They will also be given opportunity for a personalised work placement in order to gain skills and knowledge in the industry of their choice where they will receive a workplace reference.

In addition, recruits will receive CV-building and interview workshops and take part in a team challenge where they will support and organise activities for a local group in the community.

Organiser, Ben Duffy, said: "As a team we have a high success rate for our learners progressing into employment and education."

If you are interested or know someone who is, you cabn contact Ben for more information by email at ben.duffy@westlancs.ac.uk or by telephone on 07500 606 740.

● PICTURED left: Previous participants receive certificates for completing the Prince's Trust course from the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubbert.

Team 16 help council Rangers create fairy door trail in park

PRINCE'S Trust Team 16 Ormskirk, delivered through West Lancashire College, have helped West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Rangers create a fairy door trail through woodland at the town's Coronation Park, as part of their community project.

Over a week of braving the elements and working hard the team opened a pathway leading through the woodland creating habitat piles for wildlife and making bird boxes and feeders.

They also developed spotters' guides for children to discover what they have created. Anyone wishing to have a go at spotting should visit the office at Coronation Park.

Heidi McDougall, West Lancs director of leisure and environment, said: "The council is very grateful to the Prince's Trust Team 16 for their help in creating this lovely new feature for the park."

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‘Eat healthily’ message to cut risk of type 2 diabetes

FOLLOWING on from Diabetes Prevention Week (April 16-22) residents in the borough are being urged to eat healthily and be more active to help reduce their risk of type 2 diabetes.

GPs and other healthcare professionals in West Lancashire are advising residents to find out if they are at risk and act to improve their future health.

It is estimated that more than 3,800 people in Lancashire are currently at risk of developing the condition which can lead to strokes, heart disease, limb amputation and early death.

Diabetes and its complications cost the country over £6 billion every year to treat and one in six patients in hospital has diabetes. Around nine out of 10 people with diabetes have type 2 diabetes which is closely linked to obesity and is largely preventable by eating healthily, being more active and losing weight.

The NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme is a free local service for those who are at risk of type 2 diabetes. The programme is designed to stop or delay the onset of the disease through a range of personalised lifestyle interventions, including education on lifestyle choices, advice on how to reduce weight through healthier eating and bespoke physical activity programmes.

An estimated 3,800 people in Lancashire are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes which is closely linked to obesity.

More than 1,800 people have already been referred onto the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme in Lancashire, with more than 750 people taking up the offer.

You can check to see if you are at risk of type 2 diabetes at website diabetes.org.uk/risk.

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: “By adopting a more active lifestyle, we can all reduce our risk of developing type 2 diabetes. This doesn’t have to involve expensive gym memberships, simply getting up and walking or joining a free activity such as parkrun, can help. The NHS recommends that we all aim for 10,000 steps a day.

“Also changing your diet to cut out the junk food and eating more fruit and vegetables will not only help to make you look better but feel better.

“If you are concerned about type 2 diabetes or want to learn more about how best to avoid it, please speak to your GP.”

Ormskirk parkrun is a timed 5km run that takes place every Saturday at 9am at Edge Hill University. It is free and run by volunteers for the benefit of the community.

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LEGO® brick animals return to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

The amazing GIANT LEGO® brick animal trail, the only one of its kind in the UK, is returning to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this spring with three NEW friends including Sam the Short-eared Owl. This new model was unveiled today at Martin Mere. It took an amazing 80 hours to build with an incredible 37,884 LEGO bricks.

Fourteen GIANT 4ft (1.5m) LEGO brick sculptures will be returning to the centre in Lancashire for 6 weeks from Wednesday 9 May to Sunday 24 June, all inspired by real species at WWT Martin Mere. Included are a large North American River Otter, a Hawaiian Goose (Nene), the world’s rarest goose, a giant Kingfisher, frog and a flamingo, plus new models that include a white stork, an owl and a water vole. In total 253,728 LEGO bricks were used to make all 14 wetland characters.

LEGO fans (young and old) will be able to enjoy exploring the grounds to find all of the characters, winning a sticker for finding all fourteen.

As well as the trail, budding sculptors can take part in creative fun and games at exclusive LEGO brick workshops at weekends and during half term, get creative at our LEGO brick play table and build mini-figures. All proceeds will support WWT’s essential conservation work in the UK and around the world.

There is no extra cost to meet the giant LEGO brick animals at WWT Martin Mere, the trail is included in the admission price. Places for the workshops can be pre-booked online. To find out more search Martin Mere online.

Martin Mere is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months (and until 4.30pm during the winter) and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what’s on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what’s on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

Basketball club lays on fun skills event for charity group members

MEMBERS of Sporting Challenge, the family-led charity providing sporting activities for people with learning disabilities, have been 'shooting some hoops' with West Lancs Basketball Club.

Activities organiser for the Burscough-based charity, Edward McCarthy, said: "Great fun was had by all and a few new skills were also picked up. On behalf of Sporting Challenge I wish to thank the West Lancs Basketball Club for this opportunity, our group really enjoyed it.

Sporting Challenge has also been awarded £400 from the Shepherd Street Trust to fund activities for people with disabilities. This will help to cover swimming and bowling session costs for members aged under 20.

The trust is a Preston-based charity that cares for the needs and aspirations of children and young people.

Edward McCarthy commented: "We thank the trust for their most generous finding award. The majority of new members are aged 16 to 22 so this is a key area we need to support."

West Lancashire Basketball Club hosted a fun session for members of Sporting Challenge.

Ahoy there! Free 'taster' sessions for would-be sailors

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FREE taster sessions are being held at the Marine Lake in Southport for would-be watersports enthusiasts to try out new hobbies as part of the Royal Yacht Association's annual Push the Boat Out initiative.

This runs for the whole of May with free sailing and windsurfing taster sessions at sailing clubs who are set to welcome families and individuals young or old who want to get active and out on the water.

Free taster sailing session for newcomers will be held on Southport's Marine Lake on Saturdays, May 12 and 19

Active

Research for the RYA, the national body for all forms of boating, shows that a quarter of people have never tried an outdoor pursuit, yet two in four want to be more active and nearly a third want to get more fresh air.

West Lancashire Yacht Club is running free 'tasters' in dinghies at the Marine Lake from 11am to 4pm on Saturday, May 12.

And Southport Sailing Club will run taster sessions from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, May 19.

Experienced sailors will accompany visitors taking part.

Adam McGovern from the RYA said: "Many people still don't realise how easy it can be to get into sailing and windsurfing, and that you don't even need to own a boat or board as clubs and centres have ones you can borrow or hire.

"Once you've learned the ropes, you can sail on your own or with your partner, friends or kids in dinghies or big boats, inland or on the coast."

Anyone wishing to take part is advised to wear clothes and footwear that won't spoil if they get wet and take along a towel and a change of clothes.

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New adaptation of Wind in Willows coming to Atkinson

A NEW adaptation of The Wind in the Willows comes to The Atkinson on Tuesday, May 29.

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Created by Scott Ritchie Productions and KD Theatre Productions for an Easter tour it will be a playful take on the classic Kenneth Graham tale, featuring a professional cast of energetic performers, catchy new songs and an anarchic sense of humour that aims to entertain and delight the whole family.

Scott Ritchie Productions & KD Theatre Productions have a proven track record for producing similar style, audience pleasing theatrical presentations of a high standard.

Scott Ritchie said: "We are delighted to be presenting this exciting production at the beautiful The Atkinson. We are keen to bring our show to the wonderful people of Southport."

Daniel Belland Katherine Hickmott (KD Theatre Productions) said: "The Wind in the Willows has an everlasting appeal and is highly visual. We pride ourselves on creating work that is of the highest quality."

Mr Toad will be played by Paul Cleveland who has been in musicals such as Cats and recently appeared as Paul in Absent Friends at the Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield.

Rosie Coles, whose credits include Juliet in Romeo and Juliet and Cheryl Hayes in Doctors for the BBC joins the cast as the playful Mole. Ratty will be played by Ross Townsend Green who has appeared in plays such as The Importance Of Being Earnest.

Completing the gang of four friends is Oliver Scott, who plays the warm-hearted, steady Badger.

A scene from Wind in the Willows

New comer, Oliver Tattersfield completes the cast in the crucial opposing role of chief weasel.

The Wind in the Willows is at The Atkinson on Tuesday, May 29 at 3pm and 6pm.

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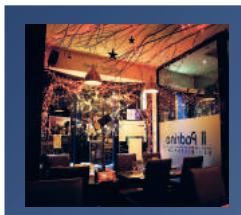

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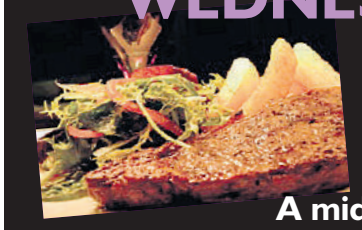
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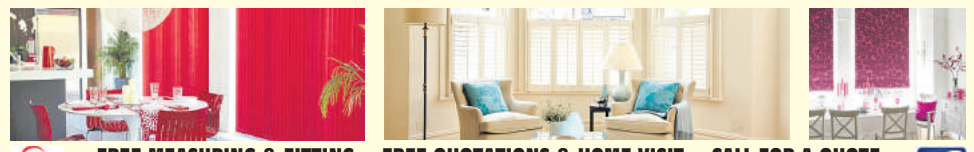

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0304/FUL Erection of semi-detached dwelling - plot 2 Amendment to the design approved planning permission 2016/0480/FUL at 62A New Street, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0305/FUL Erection of semi-detached dwelling - plot 1 Amendment to the design approved planning permission 2016/0480/FUL at 62A New Street, Halsall.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0362/FUL Change of roof on an extension to the rear of property from a flat roof construction, to a tiled angled roof construction. Window opening formed on the side of property. (retrospective) at 2 Mill House View, Up Holland.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0380/FUL Erection of single storey extension to side/rear at 3 Brook Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0388/FUL Demolition of rear outrigger building of existing 2 storey bungalow and erection of two storey rear extension. Removal of side bay window and replacement with a porch canopy. Widening of front stone wall to provide safer access at Glendalough, Hall Lane, Lathom.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0394/FUL Demolition of disused public house and erection of 6 semi-detached houses and 4 apartments at Halton Castle Inn, Crosshall Brow, Westhead.
2018/0395/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 9 and 25 of planning permission 2014/1189/FUL relating to a phased contaminated land investigation and coal mining investigation works at Land To The South Of, Ingram, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 25th April 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT994

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28th April
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KELLY KATHLEEN

Mike Kelly and family would like to thank their friends for all the letters, mass cards and messages of sympathy that they have received following the sad loss of Kathleen (Kath) a dear Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Donations received will be forwarded to Myeloma UK. In her final illness Kath was cared for by doctors and nurses at Aintree University Hospital. They fully deserve our thanks for the excellent care that they provided. Thank you also to Fr Godric and Fr Boniface for their support and for such a wonderful funeral service at St Anne's Church, Ormskirk that was so well attended by the many friends whose company Kath enjoyed during her life. Finally thank you to Sally at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for taking care of all the funeral arrangements for us.

DEATHS

MOORE DOREEN
April 14th 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 90 years
Loving Wife of the late Eric. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday May 1st 2018 at 12:40pm. All further enquiries c/o Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Merseyside L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

MAHOOD JOYCE MYRA
20th April 2018
aged 88 years.
Peacefully with her loving family by her side.
Beloved Wife of the late Oliver and dearly loved Mum of Olive, John, Keith, Tom and Barbara. Granny to Elizabeth, Caroline, Oliver and John. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and burial at Ormskirk Oarish Church at 11am on Friday 4th May. By request, family flowers only, but donations greatly received to Cancer Research. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

FAIRCLOUGH CLARENCE 'ARTHUR'
After a long illness peacefully, aged 86 years
Much loved Husband of Joan. Much loved Dad to five children. Loving and caring Grandad of six Grandchildren and six Great Grandchildren. Arthur will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 30th April 2018 at 12.40pm. Family are gratefully receiving donations for Stroke Association. Further enquires please to Moisters Funeral Directors. 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

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DEATHS

STANLEY JOYCE FRANCES
Peacefully in hospital on 16th April 2018 aged 78 years
Much loved Wife of the late John. Dear Mum of Debbie and Carl. Mother in law of Phil and Trish. Loving Grandmother of Adam and Craig. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service will take place at Burscough Methodist on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 10am followed by interment at St John the Baptist Churchyard, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please but the family are receiving donations for their chosen charity. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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MCCALL BETSY
After a short illness peacefully in hospital on 17th April 2018, aged 93 years
Much loved Mother of Pamela. Dear Mother in law of Peter. Dear Grandma of Colette and Sarah. Betsy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 4pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The British Lung Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

SAMMON DR. PAUL MATTHEW
11th April 2018
Peacefully after a long illness aged 91 years
Loving Brother of David, family and friends. Funeral service took place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 24th April at 3.15pm. There were family flowers only by request and a special thanks to Joan and her team at The Silver Birch Nursing Home for their care and kindness over many years. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale. Tel: 01695 559868

MOORE ROBERT 'BOB'
On 15th April 2018
Peacefully at Home
Aged 94 years
Beloved Husband of the late Olwen, loving Dad of Alan and Sheila, and a much loved 'Gaga' of Ian (deceased), Michael and Charlotte. Bobs Funeral service will take place at Marshside Road Methodist Church on Monday 30th April at 1:45pm, followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Diabetes UK Ian Moore tribute fund Ref. 835217. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118.

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PILSBURY MAUREEN LEONORA
12th April 2018
Aged 87 Years
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BRISTOW GEORGE EDWARD (Judd)
Suddenly passed away on 9th April 2018 aged 71 years
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O'HARA FRANCES WINIFREDE (FRAN)
R-I-P
15th April 2018
Aged 72 years
Devoted Wife of the late John, much loved Mum of Kathryn and Martyn. Beloved Grandma of Thomas, Charlie and Jake. Requiem Mass at St Marie's R.C Church on Friday 27th April at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

OWEN TREVOR
30th March 2018
In his 89th year
peacefully at Byron Court Care Home, Bootle
Trevor will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 4th May at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to R.N.I.B. C/o H.Leslie Humphreys Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805

BUTLER YVONNE
20th April 2018
Peacefully at Warren Park Nursing Home
Reunited with her devoted Husband Ted. Beloved younger Sister of Babs. Adoring Aunt of Chris, Sue (deceased), Graham, Vanessa, Hazel and Anita and their extended families. The family would like to thank Warren Park for the care, kindness and compassion shown to Yvonne. She will be sadly missed by everyone whose lives she touched. Service and celebration to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 10am. No flowers please but donations is desired to the RNLI or Guide Dogs for the Blind c/o H.L.Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

RATHBONE SHEILA MARY
15th April 2018
aged 86 years
Passed away suddenly.
Reunited with her loving Husband Alan. A loving Mum and Grandmother, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations will be received for Breast Cancer Care. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997 where Sheila will be resting.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ECUMENICAL CENTRE, SKELMERSDALE PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER 2018

No. 1/2018

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A copy of the order and the Order plan may be seen free of charge at West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF between the hours of 9am-5pm and at the CSP, Unit 142, Concourse, Skelmersdale WN8 6LN. Copies of the Order and plan may be bought there at the price of 50 per sheet.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent or delivered in writing addressed to the Director of Development and Regeneration at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF not later than 31st May 2018.

Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, West Lancashire Borough Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for confirmation, any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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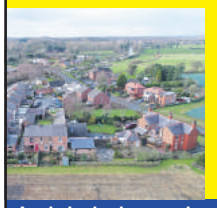
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IF FORD'S new Focus drives anything like as well as it looks it should be one of this year's big hits – but you can save yourself roughly £17,000 if you want to drive a genuine game-changer.

Wander into a showroom with a blue big oval atop and you'll be able to order the new kid on the block as either a five-door hatch or as an estate perfect for trips to the tip. It's not only easier on the eye than the old Focus but cheaper too - £2,300 less to be exact, if you go for the entry model – and if you're feeling flush there's a plush Vignale model, with leather seats, a fancy radiator grille and electric everything.

But if you want something truly radical you'll have to walk past the brand-new offering and go back in time.

In fact, you'll have to conveniently forget that there's still one on every other corner and that you can pick them up for about 25p these days, because the original Ford Focus was a class act.

In a way it's a shame it sold so well because time and familiarity have dulled its impact.

Just think about what else you could've bought back in 1998.

There was an Astra that handled neatly but looked about as interesting as a tax return, a solidly built but utterly boring Golf, fantastic yet flaky Fiat Bravo and a Peugeot 306 that handled beautifully but had a so-so reputation for reliability.

Worst of the lot was Ford's own Escort, which had been quietly getting better with every facelift but ultimately traced its lineage back to an iffy, me-too effort launched eight years earlier.

So when the first Focus rocked up with its all-round independent suspension, its Punto-esque rear headlights and slightly mad angular headlights it's hardly a surprise everyone sat up and took notice.

It had lots of clever little touches – the boot badge that flips sideways to reveal the key slot, for instance – but the big change was just how well it drove.

No wonder it went on to become the nation's best selling car - you still see them eveywhere!

I'm sure the new car will be a class act too, but it'll never have the wow factor its (much) older brother did on his debut.

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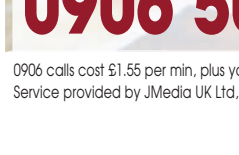

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Linnets sweep aside Irlam to reach cup final but face battle to avoid relegation

Burscough 3
Irlam 0

BURSCOUGH made easy work of Irlam to reach the final of the Macron Cup, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Burscough had drawn 0-0 in the first leg in Manchester and won the second leg 3-0, having been 2-0 up at the interval.

The final will be Burscough's first since they beat Southport in 2008 to lift the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup.

The Linnets had started the game on top and scored via Peter Henerty in the 14th minute. They followed that up in the 22nd minute with a vicious volley from centre-forward Chad Whyte, his 48th league and cup goal of the season.

It was all over in 64th minute when an inspired bit a skill from Terry Cummings provided the coup de gras, taking control around 20 yards from goal before blasting a shot right into the top corner to make it 3-0.

Later some bad tempered tackles from the Irlam players resulted in two being sent off.

Speaking after the match on the North-West Counties League website Dave Sutton said: "Against Irlam it was hard because we'd played Saturday, Monday, Thursday and again on Saturday and it's not easy especially when we knew away goals count double.

"I thought we should have been ahead after the first leg."

Burscough now have to convert some of that cup form into league points in the North-West Counties League Premier Division, where they currently sit third from bottom, with four teams to be relegated.

This Saturday they are at home to Abbey Hey.

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Skem safe from drop despite losing to 'champions elect'

Skelmersdale United 0
South Shields 1

AFTER results elsewhere in midweek confirmed safety from relegation, Skem hosted champions elect South Shields with the visitors edging a 1-0 victory in front a record home crowd of 373, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Liam Davies on the ball. Picture by John Driscoll

Shields were unlucky not to open the scoring on 16 minutes as a clever cross by Michael Richardson saw Pattison fire at goal with his effort superbly denied by Phil Mooney's goal-line clearance.

An inswinging corner from Pattison forced Callum Roberts into a strong parry before James Barrigan's long range free-kick was deflected wide.

The best chance of the half came on 39 minutes as a short Pattinson corner allowed Craig Baxter to cross into the path of Finnigan whose header saw a spectacular stop from Roberts.

Shields continued to threaten with Dillon Morse heading narrowly past the post from a corner before a cross from Richardson saw Pattison head wide.

A massive chance for the visitors on 53 minutes was wasted as a low cutback from Richardson saw Pattison blaze over from close range.

United responded with Burey lofting a cross to the far post but with Barrigan unlucky not to collect and minutes later a long cross from Liam Davies proved too high for Bakkor to reach.

The breakthrough came on 76 minutes as clever play from Baxter allowed Pattison to sweep over a cross which substitute Graeme Armstrong flicked past Roberts to open the scoring.

United should have levelled on 84 minutes as substitute Tunde Owolabi connected to Molyneux's corner but saw his header go over the bar.

Jack Lenehan completed a mazy run with a shot past the post while at the other end,

Shields should have doubled their lead as Pattison's angled shot crept past the far post before Aksel Juul forced a low save from Roberts.

The final whistle saw a roar of celebration from the visiting supporters as United ended the week with consecutive defeats.

Ormskirk begin defence of title with huge 195 run home victory

Big scores from Bohannon and Lavelle set up imposing total before Maddock claims four wickets on debut

REIGNING Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division champions Ormskirk began their title defence with a huge 195 run home win over Colwyn Bay.

Ormskirk piled up 252-5 dec, thanks in the main to half centuries from Lancashire duo Josh Bohannon 85 and George Lavelle 83, whilst Ryan Holtby took 4-67 with the ball.

In reply, 4-19 from debutant Ryan Maddock helped dismiss the Welshmen for just 57 to seal victory.

Northern started their campaign off in style with a nine wicket home win over New Brighton.

After electing to bat the visitors were soon dismissed for just 32, with Tom Jones 3-2 and Tom Sephton 3-8 taking the bulk of the wickets

In reply, Tom Billington 15* and Chris Laker 12* helped the hosts to 33-1 and a comfortable victory.

Bootle also got off to a winning start with an 80 run win at Rainford.

Runs from Neil Williams 67, Danny Davies 46 and Vishal Tripathi 34 enabled the Bootle to declare on 190-8, with John Dotters taking 4-50.

In reply, David Snellgrove 32 top scored for the hosts who were bowled out for 110, thanks in no small part to a fine 5-35 from debutant Bharat Tripathi.

Formby suffered a 9 run defeat at Leigh, where the hosts were asked to bat and bowled out for 119 with debutant Sabbir Patel taking 6-35, whilst Toby Bulcock top scored with 21.

In reply the efforts of Ollie Sutton 30, Stephen Parry 22 and Patel 19* went unrewarded as Formby were dismissed for 110, with Adam Shallcross 3-12 and Bulcock 3-45 doing the damage with the ball.

Next Saturday Ormskirk visit Formby while Bootle host Leigh, and Northern are at home to Highfield.

Burscough forced to wait for league action as Maghull open with a tie

BURSCOUGH'S scheduled home First Division match on Saturday with Birkenhead Park was postponed due to an unfit ground and, at the league's discretion, can now be played at a later date.

Elsewhere in the First Division, Fleetwood Hesketh suffered a 66 run home defeat by Sefton Park.

The visitors chose to bat with Greg Harvey 39 and Sean Vandome 30 top scoring in a total of 127, with Tommy Wareing 3-21, Paul Mullen 3-27 and debutant Gavin Dickenson 3-32 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, new skipper Scott Rimmer 25 was the only batsman to hit double figures as his side were bowled out for 62, with Callum Storey taking 4-27.

Ainsdale also suffered a home defeat as they lost to Liverpool by five wickets, debutant Brandon Faber top scored with 44, Connor Windell hit an unbeaten 37* and Mark Lucas 19 as the hosts were dismissed for 130, with Jared Clein 3-30 and Peter Kelly 3-38 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply, opener Sam Holliday cracked 97 as the visitors sealed victory on 132-5.

In the Second Division, Maghull were involved in a thrilling tie at home against Sutton, the hosts were asked to bat and thanks to an unbeaten 47* from number nine Anthony Molloy managed to post 136, with Jamie Greener taking 4-36.

In reply, the visitors were rocking on 52-9 until a remarkable last wicket stand of 84 between Gary Greener 90* and Craig Campbell 5* levelled the scores, with the game well and truly in the balance and loads of time left up stepped James Stanley to clean bowl Greener and tie the contest, with Molloy 7-47 and Stanley 3-39 taking all ten wickets to fall.

Burscough are set to host Wigan on Saturday while Mahhull are away to Old Xaverians.

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